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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, kindly amend the application as follows:

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In the Specification

On page 1, please amend the following paragraph starting on line 22 and ending on line 30:

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The present invention is directed to a foamed pressure sensitive adhesive article having substantial cohesive strength, especially at elevated temperatures, that is higher than that which can be obtained without any chemical crosslinking. Typically cohesive strength of a pressure sensitive adhesive is directly associated with its shear holding power. Shear performance of the PSA foams of this invention is less dependent on total adhesive foamed article thickness and often shows better flexibility regarding material selection compared to foams covalently crosslinked through use of chemical crosslinking agents and/or irradiation treatment. The foam may be provided in a variety of shapes, including a rod, cylinder, sheet,